

BIRDS CAUSE DEATH
AT HIGHWAY BRIDGEB. A. Passenger, of New York,
Reveals Tragedy At Dis-
trict Building.

Wildly excited, his collar and cravat awry, a look of fear on his face, and a black silk hat tilted to a dangerous degree on his head, B. A. Passenger, a New York traveling man, rushed into the press room at the District Building early today and called in earnest tones on the entire four-fifths of the city's fourth estate on duty there to help him unravel the mystery enshrouding the death of a stranger who was crushed to death on the Highway bridge.

"He left me an hour ago," he exclaimed; "now he's dead!"

Passenger told the reporters in an excited whisper that the maners would be dead sure to get it all wrong if they printed anything about a police investigation, because he had told a policeman about it and the minion of the law merely promised that he would look into the matter.

Through the basement hallway of the building the excited informant vanished without more ado about explanations. He left in his wake reporters struggling to get their coats on and sending frantically at anything that would do for a copy pad. Out of the building they dashed after him.

On the approach to the Highway Bridge the perspiring one slowed down and the reporters began for the first time to ply him with questions.

"How old was he?"

"Is there a woman in the case?"

"Their only audible answer was a sob, and the informant, who did not believe in trusting the police with murder secrets, only pleaded that they follow him to view the body."

Nearer drew the newspaper men to the clump of bushes by the side of the road leading to Highway bridge which Passenger had already pointed out as being the spot where the body lay.

Suddenly he stopped, drew himself up to his full height of approximately five feet nine (Bertillon estimate) and held up a finger warningly.

"Remember," he hissed. "Tell nothing to the police. They are not wise. They know nothing. It is well!"

The reporters pledged their confidence and vowed they would tell no one, from Major Pullman down to the special watchman on duty at the east end of the Pennsylvania railroad yards near the Union Station.

"Follow me!"

On tip-toe, as it were, the procession advanced. One man who ventured to break the silence was rewarded with scowls and frowns. He kept his peace.

The stranger parted the bushes. He extended his hand to the signpost and the reporters followed his index finger with their eyes.

"There lies the body," said the dark-complexioned stranger, with a suppressed sigh.

"He ran ahead of me to bark at the birds and a motor truck hit him."

"It was an awful thing, and to think—it happened on April 1, too."

ASKS PLAY FACILITIES

Department of Playgrounds Preparing for Increasing Attendance.

Two new swimming pools, ten tennis courts, three playgrounds, three baseball grounds, a roller skating rink, and a dance platform are some of the additional facilities provided in an estimate yesterday by the department of playgrounds for anticipated increases in attendance this season.

Full activity on the playgrounds will begin next week, weather conditions permitting.

"If the increase in attendance is as great as it was a year ago," said Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, supervisor of playgrounds, "it is doubtful whether the funds at the disposal of the department will be sufficient to provide for public needs."

Swimming will be the big pastime this summer. The plan to keep the pools open from 6 a. m. to 9 p. m. is under advisement by F. J. Brunner, superintendent of swimming.

Before the pools have been kept open from 9 o'clock in the morning until dark.

One of the two new swimming pools will be for white children in the Mt. Pleasant section, and the other for colored children at the Cardozo playground, First and I streets southwest.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL.

The Department of Commerce has announced the following changes in its personnel: Ralph W. Johnson, probationary appointed clerk in office of Secretary at \$900; Warren E. Emley, assistant chemist in the Bureau of Standards, resigned; Norman Cleaver, probationary appointed machinist in Bureau of Fisheries, at \$900; Robert J. Fitzgerald, temporarily appointed assistant radio inspector, Bureau of Navigation, at \$1,200; John P. Kleiderlein, temporary appointment as clerk at \$900; Harry A. Schmidt, instrument maker in Coast and Geodetic Survey, resigned; Margaret H. Shellhorn and Martha E. MacGregor, temporarily appointed clerks in lighthouse service at \$900.

ARTS CLUB PROGRAM.

The April program of the Arts Club, 2017 I street northwest, has been announced by Richard H. Engel, chairman of the entertainment committee. The program will be opened this evening by a recital at the club, arranged by Myron Whitney. A feature will be an exhibit of old photographs of men in public life and shortly after the civil war. These pictures will be on view beginning today until April 15. Michael Jacobs will lecture on "A New Color Theory" during the month. The annual meeting will be held Thursday-April 26.

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